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Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/49/L.27

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/49/L.27, the General Assembly would approve the recommendation contained in decision I/1 of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) that a third session of the Preparatory Committee, of relatively short duration, be held at United Nations Headquarters early in 1996 to complete the preparatory work for the Conference.

2. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would convene the third session of the Preparatory Committee at United Nations Headquarters early in 1996. The resources required for convening that session would be presented in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

3. The proposal to convene the third session of the Preparatory Committee in New York, however, requires that an exception be made to the principle, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters.

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